

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
February 11, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Pastor John Weber, Preacher
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music
Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor Christ Our Shepherd Winds

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
⤴ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE (8:30) *Processional Celebration, Anna Laura Page* *M&M Bells & Chimes*
 (11:00) *Prelude on "HYFRYDOL"* *COS Winds*

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

⤴ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

⤴ GATHERING HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW Hymn 631

- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!**
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 **Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;**
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 **Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;**
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 **Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;**
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

↑ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

ANTHEM (8:30) *Worthy*, Mark Burrows

M&M choir

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Thy Strong Word*

ELW Hymn 511, sts. 1 & 3

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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↑ **GOSPEL:** Mark 9:2-9

see insert

SERMON

Pastor John Weber & Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Beautiful Savior*

ELW Hymn 838

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "Receive our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "Knowing the Holy Spirit ...in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.." Please respond, "Amen."*

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MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00)-*This Is My Beloved Son* *Pepper Choplin*
Sanctuary Choir, COS Winds, members of the Fayette Philharmonic Youth Orchestra

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <p>☐ The Lord be with you.</p> <p>☐ Lift up your hearts.</p> <p>☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:</p> <p>☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</p> | <p>☑ And also with you.</p> <p>☑ We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> |
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- ELW page 153*

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.
You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.
You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

- ☑ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**
- ELW page 154*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW Hymn 715

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

Hymn continues on next page.

**5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

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† PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

ℙ God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✚ bless you and remain with you always.

☩ Amen.

† SENDING HYMN: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

ELW Hymn 866

- 1. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.**
- 2. We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, (dancing, we are dancing, dancing,) we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, (dancing, we are dancing, dancing,) we are dancing in the light of God.**
- 3. We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, (praying, we are praying, praying,) we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, (praying, we are praying, praying,) we are praying in the light of God.**
- 4. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.**

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† SENDING

ℙ Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☩ Thanks be to God.

† POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton

Lector: (8:30)-Debi Handy; (11:00)-Kayleigh Pointek

Tech crew: (8:30)-Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

(11:00)-Carol Jensen-Linton, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30)-John Musil; (11:00)-Ben McCumber, Harper McCumber

Altar flowers given by Carol Jensen-Linton in honor of Adam Linton's and Carol Jensen-Linton's birthdays.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, February 11

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The first reading is from 2nd Corinthians, the 4th chapter.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. ☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Christ Our Shepherd Winds, Karl Dietmeyer, conductor

Flute: Rita DeNell, Sarah DeNell, Penny Kahley, Sara Turk

Clarinet: Megan Irvin

Saxophone: Domenic Ravita, playing the 1924 Buescher True Tone Soprano Sax from the COS collection.

Trumpet: Morgan Hebert, Ethan Hoellrich, Richard King

Alto Horn: Lauri Gambrel

French Horn: Madeline Therriault, Chelby Gambrel

Trombone: Mayson Groover, Elliott Keyser, Oliver Ravita

Euphonium: Dave Byers, Xander Lee

Tuba: Xavier Lee

Timpani: James McDaniel

Percussion: Sarah DeNell, Bert Groover, Penny Kahley, James McDaniel, David Turk

Members of

Fayette Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, James Hagberg, conductor

VIOLIN 1: Kaden Korn, Emilie Chan, Muriel Chan

VIOLIN 2: Bronwen Feagins, Chloe Byun, Laura Evans

VIOLA: Zoura Chan, Hayoung Kim, Lily Madani, Michelle Peterson, Jordan Keil

VIOLONCELLO: Sophia Madani, Marlee Rafter, Hanna Mallard

CONTRABASS: Andrew Lakly

